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EX PARTE

Mr. William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Mr. Caton:

On April 5, 2002, Robert Sachs, President and CEO; Daniel Brenner, Senior Vice President for Law and Regulatory Policy; Jill Luckett, Vice President, Program Network Policy; and Diane Burstein, Deputy General Counsel, met with Commissioner Kevin Martin to discuss NCTA's position in the above-captioned proceeding.

During that meeting, consistent with NCTA's Opposition to the Petitions for Reconsideration in the above-captioned proceeding, they discussed NCTA's opposition to any requirement that cable operators carry multicast digital broadcast signals after the digital transition has ended. In particular, NCTA argued that a multicast carriage obligation would burden cable operators and cable programmers by consuming additional cable capacity. In addition, we discussed the goals of the digital transition.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Brenner

cc: Commissioner Kevin Martin